

MONTGOMERY COUNTY FARM STATISTICS

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Montgomery County lies in east central New York. In 1998, there were 144,000 acres in farms, 56 percent of the county's total 258,560 acres. There were 645 farms in the county averaging 223 acres per farm. Montgomery County ranks 27th in the state for number of farms and 26th for land in farms.

In 1997, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$48.7 million. Total sales averaged \$89,897 per farm. The leading products sold were: dairy products, cattle & calves, hay & silage, and corn for grain.

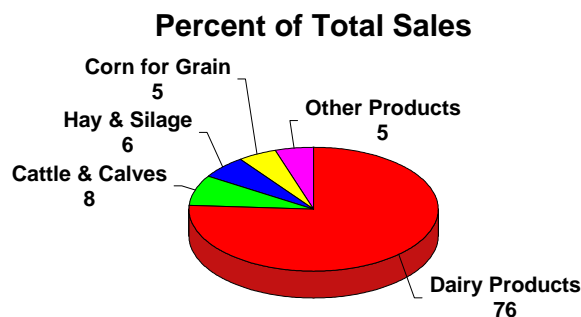
The average value of land and buildings per farm in 1997 was \$214,517. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$63,645 per farm. Total production expenses in 1997 were \$37.0 million for an average of \$62,235 per farm. The Census showed 68 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 52 years. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce showed the average personal income for all wage earners in the county in 1996 was \$20,143.

LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Product	1997 Sales Thous. Dol.	Percent of Total	County Rank
Dairy Products	36,830	76	19
Cattle & Calves	3,734	8	23
Hay & Silage	3,125	6	6
Corn for Grain	2,376	5	15
Other Products	2,658	5	14
TOTAL SALES	48,723		26

1997 Census of Agriculture

LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS



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FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND LAND USE

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Total Cropland 1/	Permanent Pasture 2/	Total Woodland 3/	Other Land 4/
		Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
1940	1,813	209,521	5/	5/	21,281	5/
1950	1,473	204,612	144,395	29,980	22,020	8,217
1959	1,074	192,037	127,466	31,003	22,032	11,536
1969	735	161,303	118,122	5/	18,035	5/
1978	668	165,573	125,214	12,604	18,323	9,432
1982	657	164,000	122,675	10,532	19,536	11,257
1987	685	169,400	131,600	10,700	18,700	8,400
1992	630	152,600	112,900	9,000	19,300	11,400
1993	635	150,800	111,500	8,600	18,800	11,900
1994	640	147,000	110,000	8,700	17,200	11,100
1995	640	147,000	110,200	9,200	16,700	10,900
1996	645	145,100	110,500	9,500	15,900	9,200
1997	650	145,000	110,400	10,000	15,400	9,200
1998	645	144,000	110,700	9,800	15,000	8,500

1940-1982 U.S. Census of Agriculture 1/ Includes cropland pastured. 2/ Excludes cropland and woodland pastured.

3/ Includes woodland pastured. 4/ Land in house lots, ponds, wasteland, etc. 5/ Not available.

FARMS BY SALES CLASS

Sales Class	1992	1997
Number of Farms		
Under \$10,000	154	206
\$10,000 to \$49,999	124	122
\$50,000 to \$99,999	94	62
\$100,000 or more	165	152
Farms Reporting	537	542
U. S. Census of Agriculture		

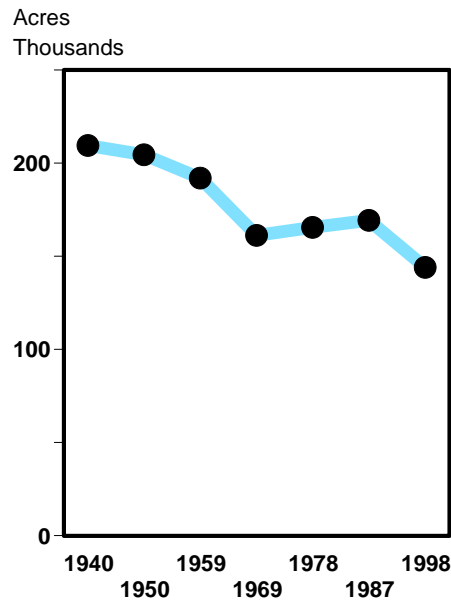
RESIDENT POPULATION

In 1998, County's population ranked 49th in the state

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	59,100	146
1950	59,600	148
1960	57,200	142
1970	55,900	138
1980	53,400	132
1990	52,000	129
1998	50,755	126

U.S. Census of Population

Land in Farms



CATTLE: Number on Farms, January 1

Year	All Cattle & Calves	Beef Cows	Milk Cows
Number on farms			
1940	32,424	1/	1/
1950	36,168	201	23,331
1959	39,290	465	24,965
1969	37,690	1,342	22,697
1978	39,000	1,000	21,500
1982	46,000	1,500	22,500
1987	40,000	800	22,000
1992	39,000	800	19,000
1993	39,500	1,500	19,600
1994	38,000	1,800	19,500
1995	38,000	1,600	19,000
1996	36,000	1,500	18,500
1997	35,000	1,400	19,500
1998	34,000	1,000	18,000

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available.

MILK: Cows & Production

Year	Annual Avg. Milk Cows	Average Production Per Cow	Total Milk Production
No. Head Pounds Million lbs.			
1940	1/	1/	1/
1950	1/	1/	1/
1959	1/	1/	1/
1969	1/	1/	1/
1978	21,600	12,100	261.4
1982	22,500	12,500	281.3
1987	21,000	13,700	287.7
1992	19,500	15,700	306.1
1993	19,500	15,500	302.2
1994	19,500	15,600	304.2
1995	19,000	16,400	311.6
1996	19,000	16,100	305.9
1997	19,000	16,200	307.8
1998	18,500	16,400	303.4

1/ Not available.

OATS: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
Acres Acres Bushels Bushels				
1940	2/	11,837	25.3	299,018
1950	2/	11,630	28.4	329,767
1959	2/	13,498	48.0	647,464
1969	2/	2/	2/	2/
1978	7,800	5,700	54.3	309,600
1982	7,000	5,400	53.0	286,200
1987	4,600	3,000	53.0	159,000
1992	3,000	2,300	70.0	161,000
1993	2,600	1,900	72.0	136,800
1994	2,600	1,900	68.0	129,100
1995	2,400	2,000	70.0	140,000
1996	1,700	1,400	53.0	74,600
1997	2,000	1,800	50.0	90,000
1998	2,200	1,900	58.0	110,200

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Harvested for grain. Excludes hay or green chop.

2/ Not available.

WHEAT: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
Acres Acres Bushels Bushels				
1940	1/	684	20.6	14,102
1950	1/	3,126	26.7	83,465
1959	1/	819	21.7	17,732
1969	1,000	900	36.9	33,200
1978	500	500	34.0	17,000
1982	600	500	43.0	21,500
1987	500	400	47.0	18,800
1992	1/	1/	1/	1/
1993	1/	1/	1/	1/
1994	300	300	49.0	14,700
1995	400	400	38.0	15,200
1996	400	400	38.0	15,200
1997	300	300	40.0	12,000
1998	300	300	40.0	12,000

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available.

EQUINE: Inventory and Value,

1997 Census of Agriculture

Total Equine	Rank in State	Inventory Value	Rank in State
708	33	\$57,000	47

CORN: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	All Planted	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	15,080	2,017	35.1	70,765	1/	1/	1/
1950	13,472	1,368	43.9	60,054	11,961	8.7	103,987
1959	14,320	1,843	56.0	103,145	12,295	8.5	104,813
1969	18,100	3,700	95.3	352,500	1/	1/	1/
1978	24,300	7,100	90.0	639,000	16,500	13.5	222,750
1982	31,300	16,500	96.5	1,592,300	14,500	11.1	161,000
1987	26,500	12,100	103.0	1,246,300	13,900	13.5	187,700
1992	28,300	10,200	108.0	1,101,600	16,900	14.8	250,100
1993	26,000	9,600	94.0	902,400	16,200	13.6	220,300
1994	26,200	10,100	108.0	1,091,600	16,100	15.5	249,000
1995	27,100	11,400	113.0	1,290,000	15,600	13.5	211,100
1996	28,000	12,000	111.0	1,330,200	15,700	15.0	235,000
1997	28,500	11,400	104.0	1,185,600	16,800	13.3	223,900
1998	28,300	11,300	106.0	1,197,100	17,000	15.6	264,400

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available

HAY: Acreage, Yield, and Production 1/

Year	Alfalfa Hay			Other Hay			Total Hay		
	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	4,985	1.6	8,066	57,275	1.0	56,895	62,260	1.0	64,961
1950	6,160	2.0	12,564	51,356	1.4	71,914	57,516	1.5	84,478
1959	17,112	1.9	32,464	41,291	1.5	60,148	58,403	1.6	92,612
1969	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	52,360	2.0	106,795
1978	27,700	2.6	72,000	34,400	1.8	61,900	62,100	2.2	133,900
1982	31,100	2.6	80,900	30,600	2.0	61,200	61,700	2.3	142,100
1987	31,500	2.4	76,000	30,000	1.8	53,500	61,500	2.1	129,500
1992	26,400	2.4	62,800	25,200	1.8	45,800	51,600	2.1	108,600
1993	24,400	2.4	59,500	27,500	1.6	43,900	51,900	2.0	103,400
1994	21,600	2.9	63,400	27,200	1.8	49,500	48,800	2.3	112,900
1995	23,200	2.4	55,700	23,900	1.8	43,200	47,100	2.1	98,900
1996	21,200	2.7	57,200	20,200	2.1	42,400	41,400	2.4	99,600
1997	21,900	2.1	46,800	19,700	2.0	39,900	41,600	2.1	86,700
1998	20,500	2.0	41,800	17,500	2.1	36,500	38,000	2.1	78,300

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1/ Dry hay only - excludes silage and green chop

2/ Not available